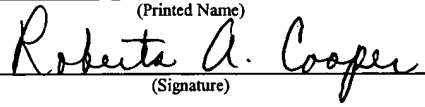




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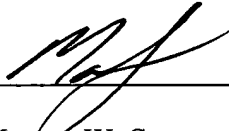
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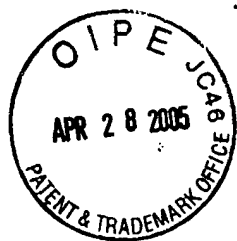
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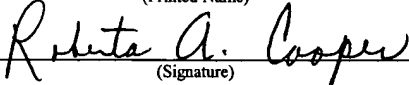
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Notice of Allowance dated February 24, 2005 concerning the above-referenced patent application.

The Examiner stated the following:

The prior art taken alone or in combination neither discloses nor makes obvious the instant invention including formation of a first layer above a gate structure, and above a substrate including germanium, formation of a second layer above the first layer, and doping source and drain regions through the first and second layers, reducing back sputtering of germanium. Therefore, the prior art of record neither anticipates nor renders obvious the claimed subject matter.

While the Applicants agree that the allowed claims recite a combination of subject matter that is patentable over the cited references, the Applicants do not necessarily agree with or acquiesce in the statement of reasons for allowance given by the Examiner. Moreover, the Applicants note that the recited subject matter as well as various other subject matter and/or combinations of subject matter may be patentable for other reasons than those given by the Examiner. The Applicants expressly reserve the right to set forth additional and/or alternative reasons for patentability and/or allowance in connection with the present Application or in any other future proceeding.

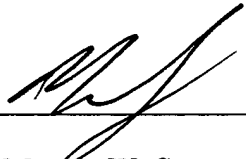
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These Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.104 are intended to be responsive to the Notice of Allowance dated February 24, 2005.

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